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SON KILLS FATHER BOASTS HE KILLED BY SHOT IN BACK MAN 6 YEARS AGO

Victim's Wife Had Warned Him of Slayer's Mental Condition

Negro's Statement May Unravel Mystery in Rich Lawyer's Death

Camden, N. J., Oct. 31.—The six-year-old mystery of who killed William L. Rice, a wealthy lawyer of Cleveland, may have found its solution in the arrest here today of Wood F. Brown, a negro, on the charge of highway robbery.

Since the time Rice's body was found in the road near Euclid Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, the authorities have been unable to obtain any trace of the murderer. The police of Camden say Brown admitted the killing when taken into custody today.

Early this morning Lewis Conover, a jitney driver of Absecon, N. J., complained to the police that a negro whom he had been taking from Atlantic City to Camden had held him up at Hammon and robbed him. Shortly thereafter Brown was arrested.

According to the police, he confessed the hold-up eagerly, volunteering that he had also murdered Rice, giving all the details of the crime and boasting that he had done it alone and that the Cleveland police had never been able to catch him.

"He evidently wants to give the impression that he is a bad man," Captain Schregler announced after grilling the man. "We have accused him of having an accomplice, but he denies this."

The police of Cleveland have been notified.

No One Held for Rice Murder

Cleveland, Oct. 31.—William L. Rice, wealthy Cleveland lawyer, whose murder is said to have been confessed today in Camden, N. J., by a negro prisoner, was slain August 5, 1910. No one was ever prosecuted for it. Vincenzo Pelato was later arrested and sent to the penitentiary for five years for robbery when he confessed he was stealing chickens and was caught by Rice, who was shot by others of the Pelato gang.

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Langdale had been seized with fits of melancholy for some time. His condition had so worried his mother that several times she had warned her husband. Early this morning Mr. Langdale had laughed off one of his wife's warnings.

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\$20 A TON COAL, FEAR OF EXPERTS

Shortage Serious All Over East—City's Fuel Dwindles Fast

PUBLIC WARNED TO BUY SPARINGLY

Price Panic Peril with Raise to \$12—War and Greed Blamed

Admitting that the coal situation is serious, not only in New York but throughout the East, the larger wholesalers and retailers yesterday urged that the consuming public buy only enough for its immediate needs, lest by demanding more they set up what in effect will be a public auction. In that event \$20 a ton for anthracite is predicted, or \$5 a ton more than the high price during the hard coal strike of 1902. Yesterday hard coal in domestic sizes sold at \$12.

For the present conditions and high prices a shortage of labor and cars at the mines and an increase in the demand for coal are assigned as reasons. F. W. Sayward, of "The Coal Trade Journal," yesterday gave out these figures:

	Per cent.
Shortage in cars.....	3
Shortage in labor.....	5
Increase in demand for hard coal above normal.....	10
Increase in demand for soft coal above normal.....	20

War and Greed Boost Prices

As important contributing causes to the situation, the European war and greed of the larger independent producers of coal are blamed by dealers. The war, it is pointed out, stimulated exports and increased home industrial activity, while it decreased labor by halting immigration. The independent dealers, as distinguished from the larger companies controlled by the so-called coal roads, were generally accused of breaking contracts and playing consumers against one another. This action of the independents has left some of the wholesalers, who depended upon them, short of supplies, and has placed large industrial concerns which thought they were safeguarded by contracts in a position where they are compelled to go into the open market and bid for supplies. At the same time those wholesalers who sought to meet the increased demands upon them by buying from independents have found little or no coal to be had at anything near normal prices.

Warning Against Panic

The view of the situation held by Mr. Sayward coincided with that of George H. Cushing, of "The Black Diamond," a trade publication.

Despite the reported shortage of labor the reports of the United States Geological Survey for last month show shipments of hard coal of 49,930,000 long tons, as against 48,666,000 in the corresponding month of a year ago. This increase, however, is explained by coal men as being possible because of the large amounts of coal which had been stored in anticipation of a coal strike last spring. This surplus, it is asserted, is now pretty much exhausted.

So far the weather has been in favor of the consumers of coal for household purposes. Those who were paying \$12 a ton yesterday found on looking up last year's bills that the price was \$6.95 a ton. A month ago \$7.50 was the ruling price.

These people, according to the retail coal men, are in a better position than are the owners of large hotels and apartment houses and office buildings which, no matter what the weather at this season, must use much fuel. The small consumer may have a small supply on hand, these larger consumers live from hand to mouth.

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